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Editorial Comment

Annie Besant's Reincarnation.

With touching confidence, Mrs. Annie Besant has admitted to her intimate friends that she is a reincarnation of Hypatia of Alexandria, who headed a school of philosophy several centuries after the Christian era began, and of Giordano Bruno, an Italian philosopher of the renaissance, who was a product of the sixteenth century. It was a long wait for one of Mrs. Besant's vaulting ambition to remain perdue, but, doubtless, in the eleven hundred years intervening between her martyrdom at the hands of a fanatical mob, her neo-platonic soul was not in a completely hibernating state; perhaps she was unconsciously exchanging throbbing thoughts with the original Leadbeattian pervert, whose form of degeneracy may have been less repulsive in that period than his twentieth century reincarnation exhibits.

No matter. It is certain she was both Hypatia and Bruno since President Pets—Madame President—of the Cleveland Theosophical Society, vouches for it. Mrs. Besant has assured her Ohio adherents that one of the strongest proofs of her claims, that she is the reincarnation of the two characters, is that she has been persecuted throughout her life. Of course, this is a striking corroboration, but far more convincing to our finite mind is her statement that she remembers all—every day of her existence as those characters. This is important and profoundly interesting, since the world knows so little about Hypatia, the meager account, given by Socrates, of the accomplished Alexandrine, being practically the extent of our knowledge of that distinguished lecturer on philosophy and leader of the neo-platonic school in her native city.

Brilliant as Mrs. Besant is, it must be mortifying to her to revert to her Hypatian reincarnation, when, with her fascinating eloquence, she overcame all the legal minds pitted against her in the courts. Added to this was the charm of a rare modesty and beauty, according to Socrates, which combined with her intellectual gifts to attract to her classroom numerous disciples, over whom she exerted great influence. Ugh! How it must give Annie the creeps to dwell upon that unlucky day when the Christian mob tore her from her chariot, dragged her to the Caesareum (then a Christian church) and carved her into fragments with oyster shells, finally burning her, "piecemeal."

As to Bruno, little more is known of the life of this knight-errant of philosophy than of his distinguished predecessor. Holding too liberal views for the order of St. Dominic to tolerate his association, he fled under charges of impiety, and became a wanderer. His soul was in tune with those of the older Greek philosophers, and his chief aim was the search for unity. To him, the soul of man was a thinking monad, standing midway between the divine intelligence and the world of external things. For his teachings, his vehement attacks on the established religion, Bruno incurred the enmity of the Inquisition, which finally trapped the wandering philosopher, carried him to Rome and had him burned at the stake for his heresies.

These, then, are the two martyred souls whose exterior frames Annie Besant was wont to occupy in her former appearances on earth. It is only of recent date, after twenty years of hard study in England, in an effort to recall her past, that the truth has been revealed to her. With an ambition that recognizes no limitations, she is now hobnobbing with Confucius, in whose time she lived as several different characters, but they are as yet only vague forms. In another twenty years, doubtless, her Confucian associates will be as fully bared as are the every-day actions of Hypatia and Bruno. Just what new character she will invest, after the present Annie passes and is reincarnated, so to speak, one hesitates to hazard a guess. As she must be heartily tired of the persecutions to which her several reincarnations have subjected her, let us hope that her harassed soul in its next essay will inhabit the body of a retiring Quaker woman, having proper abhorrence for all forms of disputation.

If when we have come to the end of the road we can look back and say that we were born of good mothers and married good wives, let us thank what gods there be, and, "wrapping the drapery of our couch about us, lie down to pleasant dreams."

MATRIMONY AND THE TIMES.

It may not be in exact accordance with universal experience that when poverty comes in at the door love flies out at the window, but it is evidence of the marriage license office that in periods of business depression marriages are fewer. An increased number of marriages is proof that prosperity has returned and is diffused. It is not to be assumed that young men and maidens do not love as much and as earnestly when times are bad as when they are good, but it would be a very thoughtless pair, lacking in foresight, that would tempt fate by rushing into matrimony unless the natural breadwinner had a position with wages or salary attached and a reasonable prospect of keeping it. A man may love a girl just as well without a dollar in sight as if she had a steady income, but under conditions of adversity his affection is best manifested by intelligent self-restraint. And if he is lacking in that quality the object of his devotion frequently supplies intelligence for two.

The records of the marriage license office of this county show that during the depression fewer marriage licenses were issued. Marriageable persons were exercising prudence and possessing their souls in patience. Now the number of licenses is increasing. That is the last needed evidence that all is well with this region, and the same should be found true of the whole United States. If during the period of waiting the young people now uniting for better or for worse have learned that prudence is a good thing at all times their union will be for better and the divorce court will not be given business by them.

Lean years and trouble will come to individuals no matter how good the times and it is too much to expect that the nation will be free henceforth from times of depression. Since couples abstain from marriage when fortune does not smile and marry when it does they should be taught thereby to lay up something against days of misfortune to tide them through. Poverty's entrance over the threshold may not send love through the window, but such a visitor is not comfortable in the house and should never be encouraged by spendthrift habits. It is well to have a cellar full when prosperity is abroad in the land.

No one was ever known to sneeze at a trust company receivership.

President Taft may lose his voice occasionally, but you observe that he doesn't lose his head.

Mr. Jeffries refers to Mr. Johnson as "that man in black." This comes near to being real fighting talk.

Mrs. Pankhurst is quite popular in the United States, being found so different from her English press notices.

If Mrs. Pankhurst stays in the United States long enough she may go back to England too refined to throw anything.

Of course the Czar has to dodge a lot of things when he is traveling, but they don't try to feed him a steady diet of "possum."

If the railroad magnates are right, the old-time idea, that "the bigger the business the smaller the relative cost" must be reversed. They're saying that the enormous increase in traffic will compel them to jump rates.

This talk of making the wearing of a plug hat by Governor Campbell of Texas a state issue, is piling on the agony. Surely, his misery while wearing the thing ought to be punishment enough.

Half the men employed in the industries of Pennsylvania are foreigners, reports the bureau of industrial statistics. And the other half are descendants of foreigners, though some may date back to the Pilgrims.

Statisticians tell us that divorcees are more numerous than they were a generation ago. This may be partially explained by the fact that the population has increased and there are more people getting married.

Senator Tillman refuses to attend the dinner to President Taft at Columbia, S. C., if he has to pay \$10. The senator's appetite isn't robust these days and he doesn't think that he would be able to eat \$10 worth.

It is reported that the National Conservation association will "threaten" to nominate Roosevelt in 1912 unless congress conserves the national resources. There are only two things the matter with this story. One is that you can't get much out of congress by threats. The other is that there isn't enough ginger in the afore-said association to nominate anybody for president.

THE IGNORED LINK.

Mrs. Pankurst has suffered imprisonment and even solitary confinement. For what? For the cause, we are told—the cause of woman suffrage in England. Other suffragettes have been imprisoned—also for the cause. This statement is frequently made and it is usually accepted in good faith by persons who are neither opponents nor proponents but only indifferent, and even by many who may fairly be classed as foes of the cause championed by Mrs. Pankurst. In saying that imprisonment was for the cause an important link in the chain of events is ignored which, if considered, puts a different face on the matter. The women in their zeal for the cause they advocated created scenes in the house of commons, interrupting the orderly course of business; they mobbed members of the cabinet; they threw missiles that broke windows and did many other similar acts. They did all these things for the cause; they were arrested for doing them, and not for the cause. That is the exact truth—that the arrests and all the unpleasant things that followed were because of disorderly conduct and assaults, some of them merely technical and others very real. To the sisters it was all for the cause, but in the eye of the law, it was only for breaches of the peace. If there had been no question whatever of any cause the arrests would have followed the disorders and there would have been no criticism of the propriety. Indeed, if others than suffragettes had been similarly disorderly just because they wanted to be, the sisters of that cult would have agreed that there could be nothing else than arrest and fine or imprisonment or both, according to the gravity of the offense. Some of the suffragettes, it will be recalled, were only fined and went to prison only because they would not pay.

Nevertheless, there is much justifiable sympathy for them in the troubles they brought upon themselves, for many if not most of them are women of education and culture, like Mrs. Pankurst. Men do not enjoy seeing women treated as they have been—at least American men do not. Hence the very general acceptance of the mistaken notion that they were imprisoned and despoiledly treated for the cause, when the truth is that it was for plain disorderly conduct, in many instances of an aggravated character. They have, however, it must be admitted, attracted the attention for their cause, which they set out to win.

Everyone running in New York is elected by a large majority, but there will be a different story in the newspapers Wednesday morning. Indications are that Tammany's candidate for mayor of New York will not be so handsome on Wednesday morning next, but will know a lot more. Two members of the Cuban cabinet after saying things about each other resigned and fought a duel. Ballinger and Pinchot took it out in just looking daggers at each other. All pathetic references to the passing of the noble red men are called off. In twenty years the number of Indians in the United States has increased from 260,000 to 300,000.

A Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband makes her sit in the dark to reduce lighting expenses. Bet she didn't object to sitting in the dark before she married.

Women teachers are shy of the pension system because it would make them tell their age. A plan is said to be on foot to solve this difficulty by granting the awards on the score of personal appearance. Any woman who looks the part is to get the price.

Persons who write President Taft urging him to "pardon" Harry Thaw may as well save their postage. For one thing, Thaw has been acquitted by a jury—held "not guilty." Why, therefore, a pardon? In the next place he is confined by the state, and is not a federal prisoner. Hence the President has no jurisdiction. Finally he has been adjudged insane, and there is no question of pardon. Consequently not even the governor of New York can release him. That is a matter for the courts. Incidentally it might be remarked that the cumulative effects of repeated denials of Thaw's petitions, by so many different judges and in various courts, render his freedom an exceedingly remote contingency.

Benefit for Stanford. STANFORD, Cal., Oct. 30.—A ball game in which the Stanford team appeared elaborately costumed in female attire defeated the faculty by a score of 15 to 3. The proceeds will go to a building fund for a Stanford Union club.

HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE LAID TO REST

Final Tribute Paid by Friends To Memory of Park W. Latimer And His Wife.

Little springs of evergreen cast on the flower-bedecked caskets of Mr. and Mrs. Park W. Latimer marked the final tribute Sunday afternoon to the late county surveyor and city engineer, Park W. Latimer, and wife, whose deaths under most tragic circumstances shocked the entire community.

Hundreds of friends of the well-known young couple were at the cemetery to see the final ceremony over the remains of these two young people.

Side by side in a large double grave, the body of one in a white casket and the other in a black one, they were laid in their final resting place in the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias cemetery.

Extremely simple but nevertheless most impressive were the funeral services which were held at the Ruffner undertaking parlors.

Rector J. Rockwood Jenkins read the Episcopal burial services while a quartet sang several sacred selections. At the grave the Knights of Pythias service was read by members of that order. The service of the Pythian sisters was also given.

Friends of the deceased were allowed to review the remains at the parlors before the funeral cortege started for the cemetery.

Accompanying Mrs. H. B. Atwood, of Cincinnati, a sister of the deceased, were Territorial Engineer J. B. Girard and H. C. Shotwell, both most intimate friends of the Latimers.

Mrs. Atwood bore up bravely under the severe strain and showed wonderful composure. She left last evening for Phoenix, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Girard.

"I can assign no cause for this dread affair," Mrs. Atwood stated yesterday. "My sister had been in ill health for some time but there had never been the slightest intimation that anything like this awful tragedy would occur."

"I had once written her suggesting that if she and her husband came east her health might be benefited but it was only a suggestion."

"My sister was one of the best known nurses in Cincinnati and her departure for the west caused much regret among leading surgeons in that city."

GRAND JURY HAS BEGUN ITS LABORS

Items of Interest Which Happened in District Court

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The regular November term of court for Yavapai county was called yesterday in this city with Judge E. M. Doe presiding. Previous to calling court Judge Doe made the announcement in chambers that no criminal cases will be called until his return to Prescott from Phoenix after a session of the supreme court, commencing next Monday, November 8. It is expected that district court would reconvene on November 15th.

The grand jury which began its session yesterday, is as follows:

C. T. Joelin, foreman, Prescott; W. B. Back, Beaver Creek; Wallace Fairbank, Prescott; A. J. Judd, Prescott; O. L. Geer, Congress Junction; A. M. Jones, Seligman; W. A. Kent, Prescott; Norman Hale, Prescott; Ed. Block, Prescott; B. F. Ainsworth, Juniper; Henry Ritter, Hillside; B. F. Denny, Miller Valley; T. J. Laird, Groom Creek; H. J. Meany, Tiger mine; Ed. Kiehl, Prescott; U. W. Bosely, Thompson Valley; T. L. Gentry, Humboldt.

Of the venire impaneled, but one excuse was offered, that of F. E. Andrews, who was suffering from a bronchial affection. He was excused.

The 18 prisoners who will have their cases considered by the grand jury were brought into court yesterday forenoon. Those who were assigned counsel were: J. C. Forest, for Juan Melendrez; Henry F. Ashurst, for Mariana Ortega; F. O. Smith and H. H. Linney, for William Duhson; James Loy, for Louis Vejti; H. H. Linney, for Juan Gonzales; E. H. Mitchell, for Susana Chavez.

Foustina Rivera, who shot and seriously wounded Wiley Woodruff at Poland; Harry Dugan, C. S. Black and J. W. Martin, held on the charge of peddling bogus jewelry, informed the court that they did not desire the appointment of an attorney for their defense, stating that they did not believe that counsel was necessary in their cases.

In the suit of D. Miller versus F. Savoy a temporary injunction was issued against Savoy, restraining him from working placer ground on Big Bug, bond being \$1,000.

The calendar for the hearing of special issues will be called this morning. Among the first important matters to be heard will be the

injunction case of the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company against the lien holders which has been reset from Kingman.

Several matters affecting the jurisdiction of the United States court were considered at the afternoon session when the United States attorney appeared.

Among the orders were the following: A federal grand jury to be impaneled on December 10 and a trial jury on December 13.

Naturalization dates in this district were set as follows henceforth February, March, June and November.

William Schroeder, of Camp Verde, for naturalization, to appear on November 5th.

United States versus Jennie and O. A. McDermid, injunction, restraining cattle from grazing on military land, set for November 5th.

United States versus Charley Hong, on appeal, involving deportation set for December 15.

United States versus Grand Canyon Lime and Cement company and W. A. Dustin, W. B. English and the Aetna Indemnity company, set for December 16th.

P. E. Bornand versus the G. A. Treadwell Mining company, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Saginaw and Manistee Lumber company versus the Stanton Rich Hill Gold Mining company moved on calendar and default entered.

A. D. Lyon versus W. E. Fry et al. was dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Miah Poma versus Yavapai Consolidated Gold-Silver-Copper company dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

M. C. Fitzmaurice versus William Poland, moved on the calendar.

J. A. Kellum versus the Arizona Power company dismissed and plea of abatement withdrawn in case of J. A. Kellum versus the Arizona Power company.

R. R. Blaine versus A. Blumberg moved on the calendar and continued.

B. Tilton versus F. Scope placed on the calendar.

Higley versus the Monica Mines company and Rowley versus Rowley moved on the calendar and default entered.

W. F. Buckingham versus the Standard Smelting and Refining company moved on the calendar, also the case of Lester Jackson versus the H. J. Beemer company.

H. F. Ashurst, administrator, versus Munds et al., dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Since the reorganization of the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company last January, actual smelting operations have not been carried on, all the efforts of the new company having been directed toward improving the rehabilitating the property. Vice President Dillingham has recently returned from Humboldt, Ariz., where he made a personal examination of the entire plant with the engineer in charge, and found everything progressing favorably.